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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**ELECTION**

S I R:

Pursuant to the requirement in the outstanding Office Action dated May 7, 2002, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, Claims 1-23 and 36 drawn to a method of diagnosing endotoxemia or sepsis, *with traverse*.

REMARKS

Traverse is on the ground that the claims do in fact relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The Office argues that Group IV lacks novelty and therefore the other claims are not so linked by a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2 as to form a single inventive concept. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Claim 24 calls for, *inter alia*, "instructions for carrying out an assay according to Claim 1." Thus, Claim 24 in fact incorporates the special technical features of Claim 1